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Applicants respectfully request that the merits of the application be reconsidered in light of the above resubmission of complete listing of the claims as requested in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment 37 CFR 1.121, mailed December 9, 2003 and the Response and Amendment previously filed on December 1, 2003. Claims 1-23 are cancelled. Claim 24 has been amended. Claims 24-33 remain pending in this application.

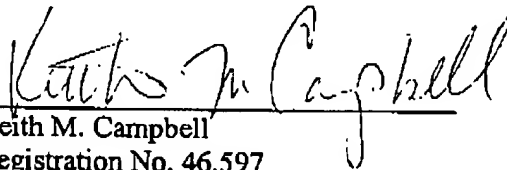
No new matter has been added due to the amendment to claim 24.

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Applicants assert that claims 24-33 are in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned with questions or comments.

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